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SUBJ: PROPOSED CARIBBEAN COUNCIL

REFS: POS 1057, 1107, STATE 108905

1. FOLLOWING CHANGES MADE IN PROPOSED RESOLUTION TRANSMITTED  
POS 1107:

OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 NOW READS "INVITES THE GOVERNMENTS  
OF THE COUNTRIES WITHIN THE AREA OF ACTION OF THE ECLA  
OFFICE IN PORT OF SPAIN, AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF CUBA, HAITI  
AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND OTHER CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES...", ETC.,  
AS PREVIOUSLY

OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3. DELETE THE WORDS "UNDER THE  
JURISDICTION" AND REPLACE THEM WITH "WITHIN THE AREA  
OF ACTION".

OPERATIVE PARA 4. DELETE THE WORDS "GOVERNING COUNCIL"  
AND INSERT THE WORD "ADMINISTRATOR".

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2. WITH CHANGE IN PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP (OPERATIVE PARA 1)

FROM ORIGINAL CONCEPT IN WILLIAMS' SPEECH, MEXICO AND VENEZUELA WILL NOW SUPPORT RESOLUTION, AS WILL OTHER LATIN AND CARIBBEAN MEMBERS. FRANCE, US, BRITAIN, NETHERLANDS ARE NOW CLEARLY EXCLUDED.

3. FRENCH ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED, AND AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS. FRENCH REP IS PROPOSING TO ADD TO OPERATIVE PARA 3, "DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES AND MEMBERS OF ECLA", SO THAT FRANCE AND-OTHER NON-REGIONAL MEMBERS WOULD BE INVOLVED IN THIS WAY. FRENCH REP HOPES THIS WILL PERMIT HIM TO ACQUIESCE RATHER THAN TO VOTE NO. BRITISH WILL EXPRESS RESERVATIONS BUT NOT OPPOSE. WE BELIEVE NETHERLANDS WILL DO THE SAME.

4. CONSULTATIONS MAKE CLEAR THAT NEITHER IGLESIAS NOR ECLA MEMBERS WANT TO OFFEND WILLIAMS BY OPPOSING HIS INITIATIVE. IGLESIAS HAS REMINDED US THAT US AGREED TO CREATION OF EXCLUSIVE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMITTEE ONN ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN ECLA IN 1951. THE COMMITTEE, WHICH ORIGINATED THE IDEA OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET, WAS DORMANT AFTER THE HONDURAN/SALVADORAN WAR BUT IS ABOUT TO MEET AGAIN. WE MAY BE ASKED WHY IF CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMITTEE IS ACCEPTABLE TO US, CARIBBEAN IS NOT.

5. WE PROPOSE:

- (1) THE US NOT REQUEST A VOTE.
- (2) WE STATE THAT WE THINK THE IDEA OF A BODY FOR CONSIDERING CARIBBEAN ECONOMIC QUESTIONS HAS MERIT, BUT THAT IT SHOULD BE EXPLORED MORE CAREFULLY BEFORE ACTION IS TAKEN, ESPECIALLY THE ASPECTS OF MEMBERSHIP. IT IS THE US POSITION THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED FROM ANY ECLA BODY, ALTHOUGH WE MIGHT NOT CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN EVERY ONE.
- (3) IF THE FRENCH REQUEST A VOTE, WE SHOULD ABSTAIN, MAKING ABOVE EXPLANATION OF VOTE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WE NEED INSTRUCTIONS BY 8:00 A.M. TUESDAY, MAY 13.

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